

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 25, 2002 (BOS Mtg. 4/16/02)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Child Development Resources, Inc., Support Agreement

### **Background**

York County has a long-standing commitment to services for children and families. As part of this commitment, the County operates various early childhood developmental programs. These are essential elements in a comprehensive network of services operated or overseen by the Community Services Department. These programs provide an early childhood educational experience, promote school readiness, and aid in developing an appreciation for life-long learning. The programs involve the whole family, encouraging positive parental involvement in education. These activities also play a significant role in supporting the efforts of our low and moderate income citizens to become socio-economically self-sufficient through employment or training.

Children's Services, a division of the Community Services Department, operates certain programs such as Head Start and provides contract administration of others. Since September, 1990, the Child Development Resources, Inc., (CDR) a locally based, non-profit organization, has operated the "First Steps" program under a support agreement with the County.

The County provides space at the Griffin-Yeates Center and makes an annual financial contribution. The Board allocated \$158,972 for program operations and \$17,000 for capital improvements to expand the infant/toddler program in the approved FY2003 budget. First Steps will provide developmental childcare and Early Head Start services for up to 34 children, ages 6 weeks to 3 years.

The support agreement is reviewed annually, and a copy is attached for the Board's consideration. It is the staff recommendation that this agreement be renewed effective July 1, 2002.

### **Recommendation**

It is my recommendation that the Board of Supervisors adopt proposed Resolution R02-64 to authorize execution of the attached Support Agreement with the Child Development Resources, Inc., for an early childhood education and development program.

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Attachments:

?? CDR/First Steps Support Agreement

?? Proposed Resolution R02-64